

Wednesday, April 28th, 2004

The House met at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Bonavista South (Mr. Fitzgerald) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Michael Ryder, a forward with the Montreal Canadiens and a native of Bonavista on being named one of three finalists for the Calder Trophy, the award given to the league's top rookie of the year.

The Member for Labrador West (Mr. Collins) made a Statement to recognize April 28th as the National Day of Mourning for all workers who had been killed, injured or died or became disabled by disease from exposure to hazards in the workplace.

The Member for Grand Falls-Buchans (Ms. Thistle) made a Statement to recognize Mr. Wade Thompson, a valued public service worker and a member of the Grand Falls - Windsor Volunteer Fire Department and who had been named Atlantic Firefighter of the year by the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada. As well, the Member indicated that Mr. Thompson had been nominated for the National Muscular Dystrophy Association - Firefighter of the Year.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment (Ms. Burke) made a Statement to recognize April 28th as the National Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured on the job and to recognize the victims of workplace accidents and to remember their sacrifice.

By leave, the Speaker asked all Members to join him in a minute of silence in order to observe the significance of the National Day of Mourning in the workplace.

The House observed a minute of silence.

During Oral Questions the Speaker was obliged to remind visitors sitting in the Public Galleries that they must not participate in the debate.

The Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition on behalf of certain residents of her District requesting the Minister of Transportation & Works to release immediately the report on the Labrador Coastal Marine Service and to make a decision on the Coastal Marine Service.

The Opposition House Leader (Mr. Parsons) rose on a point of order to argue that the Private Members' Day Motion standing in the name of the Member for Placentia & St. Mary's (Mr. Manning) had not been introduced in accordance with Standing Order 63 in that the notice had not been given on the Monday of this week.

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The Speaker ruled that in accordance with Standing Order 63, unless leave of the House was given or there was an agreement among Members, the notice of the Private Members' Day Motion must be given on the Monday before the Wednesday when the debate was scheduled to commence.

The Speaker called the Orders of the Day whereupon there was no agreement to proceed with Private Members' Day and the Speaker adjourned the House in accordance with the Standing Orders.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, April 29th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

A. John Noel, Q.C.,
Clerk of the House of Assembly